

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as detailed herein:

1. (Currently Amended) A funnel for loading or reloading of cartridges, comprising:

a container including a bottom portion and a side portion, the container shaped to sit on a horizontal surface and defining an area for receiving powder or shots therein; and

a funnel member including a funnel portion and a spout portion, the spout portion extending serially from the funnel portion, the funnel portion having a generally frusto-conical shape with an inner diameter gradually decreasing in a distal end direction of the funnel portion, the spout portion having a generally frusto-conical shape with an inner diameter gradually increasing in a distal end direction of the spout portion from a neck portion defined between the funnel portion and the spout portion, the spout portion shaped to receive a fit with an outer tip portion of a cartridge case to be received therein for loading or reloading the powder or shots through the spout portion, the funnel portion and the spout portion extending generally transversely from the side portion of the container such that powder or shots received within the container, with the outer tip portion of the cartridge case fittingly received in the spout portion of the funnel member, is able to flow out of the funnel and into the cartridge case for loading or reloading the powder or shots when the funnel is inclined to a predetermined degree.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The funnel of claim 1 including a handle portion connected to the side portion of the container.

6. (Original) The funnel of claim 1 including two handle portions connected to the side portion of the container at opposite locations thereof.

7. (Previously Presented) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the funnel is formed of a plastic material with an anti-static property.

8. (Original) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the funnel is formed of a metallic material.

9 – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the container has a generally pan-shaped configuration with the side portion of the container having a concave or slope inner surface and the bottom portion of the container having a generally flat shape.

14. (New) The funnel of claim 1, wherein an inner diameter at the neck portion between the funnel portion and the spout portion is about 4 to 10 mm, and an inner diameter at a distal tip of the spout portion is about 8 to 20 mm.

15. (New) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the funnel portion of the funnel member is combined with the side portion of the container with a lower half of the funnel portion merged with the side portion of the container.

16. (New) The funnel of claim 15, wherein the funnel portion and spout portion of the funnel member is horizontally oriented with respect to the container.

17. (New) The funnel of claim 1, wherein the container can receive a predetermined amount of powder or shots while the container sits on the horizontal surface for loading or reloading the predetermined amount of powder or shots into the cartridge case.